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Application No.:

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**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for entry in the above-identified application prior to an Examiner undertaking a first Action in connection therewith. In this Preliminary Amendment, the claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies, and the abstract is amended to remove a reference to figure 3. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0982.

All of pending claims 1-16 are in condition for examination. Consideration is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate examination of the application.

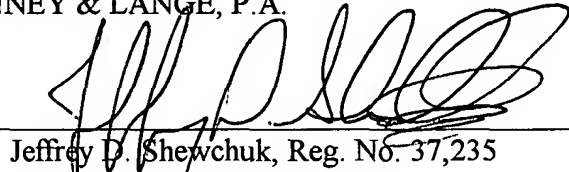
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